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Serial No. _____) (Not Yet Assigned)
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A METHOD AND APPARATUS)
FOR DETERMINING ONE OR)
MORE PHYSICAL PROPERTIES)
OF A ROLLED SMOKING)
ARTICLE OR FILTER ROD)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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